GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FAKE DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi is the transit point for fake drugs;

(b) whether fake and spurious drugs worth Rs. 1 crore was seized by Delhi Police on July 11, 2001;

(c) if so, whether fake and spurious drugs seized in capital contains calcium carbonate (chalk powder); and

(d) the action being taken by the Government in this case?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) : As per the feedback given by Drugs Control Administration, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi has been a transit point for medicines of questionable quality, faking the name of reputed brands.

(b) : Based on the FIR lodged on July 3, 2001 by Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance with P.S. Kotwali, Delhi that some persons in and around Bhagirath Place, Chandni Chowk, Delhi were indulging in illegal trade of fake medicines, the Delhi Police and Officers of Delhi Drugs Control Administration, Govt. of Delhi have jointly unearthed and detected an inter-state spurious drug racket clandestinely manufacturing, selling and distributing fake medicines and seized a huge stock of allegedly spurious drugs worth Rs. 1 crore from three godowns in and around Bhagirath Place.

(c) : As per the feedback given by Drugs Control Administration, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 9 samples of medicines have been taken and sent to the Govt. Testing Labs. Govt. of Delhi would initiate further steps as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 based on their results of analysis.

(d) : Delhi Police have so far arrested six persons in this connection and further investigation are in progress.